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1. WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO BELSASSO'S LANGUAGE ON THE
MONITORING OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

2. WE AGREE THAT THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH WE
REALIZE NECESSARILY WILL INCLUDE TRAINING IN SOCIAL SCIENCE
RESEARCH METHODS, WILL HAVE THE DESIRABLE EFFECT OF HELPING
TO ASSURE THE COMPARABILITY OF RESULTS OF STUDIES CONDUCTED
IN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, WE HOPE YOU CAN EXPLAIN TO
DR. BELSASSO OUR DIFFICULTY IN AGREEING TO THE USE OF NAR-
COTICS CONTROL FUNDS FOR A PURPOSE OSTENSIBLY UNRELATED TO
THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. WE
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THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE LAST PHRASE IN THE FIRST PARA-

GRAPH OF THE QUOTED SECTION, PARA. 2 REF A BE AMENDED TO
READ: QUOTE AND AS TEACHERS IN A GRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAM
IN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS, WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO
CARRY OUT THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY. UNQUOTE.

3. WITH REGARD TO OUR LANGUAGE (REF B, PARA 2, 4TH PARA OF
QUOTED SECTION) THAT SAODAP AND CEMEF WILL BE ACTING FOR
THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND
BELSASSO'S HESITATION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WILL BE AN

AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AS REQUIRED BY OUR
LEGISLATION. IF FOR SOME REASON THE GOM IS UNABLE TO
ENTER IN SUCH AN AGREEMENT AND BELSASSO'S HESITANCY IS SO
INDICTIVE, NOW IS THE TIME TO FLUSH OUT THAT INFORMATION.
SUGGEST HE BE QUIZED ON THAT POINT. IN ANY EVENT, WE CON-
TINUE TO HOPE THAT HE CAN ACCEPT OUR ORIGINAL LANGUAGE ON
THIS POINT. RUSH

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